

POLICY CLARIFICATION

Re: Tamper-resistant Prescription Pads

The April 1, 2008 implementation of the tamper-resistant prescription pad requirements for written prescriptions billed to Medicaid has been successful thus far.

However, there are policy clarifications that seem appropriate based on the questions received thus far:

1. If a vendor has provided “tamper-resistant prescription pads” to you that do not meet all of the requirements of 902 KAR 55:105 for controlled substance prescription blanks, then you are not in compliance with Kentucky’s guidelines. The use of a non-compliant prescription blank will most likely be rejected at the pharmacy and/or it may generate a phone call to your office.
2. The requirements for the controlled substance prescription blanks used in Kentucky for nearly ten years, include a requirement that only one prescription can be written per prescription blank, and a requirement for a quantity check-off box that corresponds to the quantity prescribed to be marked as well. A prescription blank that attempts to include more than one prescription is non-compliant.

When Kentucky Medicaid issued our compliance requirements last fall, we communicated our policy decision to require the use of our current controlled substance prescription blanks. This decision was made to eliminate the need for three prescription blanks to be stocked – regular, controlled substance, and “Medicaid only” pads.

Please click on this link to review all of the requirements related to the controlled substance prescription blanks, which are now also required for all written Medicaid prescriptions. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/902/055/105.htm>

We will continue to issue and post policy clarifications, if necessary, to facilitate a smooth implementation of these new requirements. Thank you for your commitment to compliance with these new requirements.